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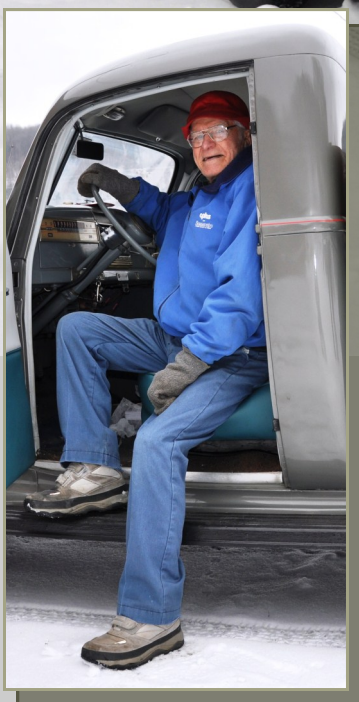
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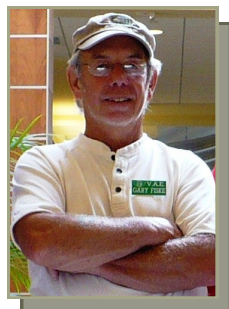
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FROM YOUR EDITOR

Gary Fiske

Good Day to you. It's 43 degrees and the common finches are moving into their summer residents with gusto. Hard to believe it is the middle of February.

There is a real nice line-up in Wheel Tracks this month, thank you all for the great material you send me. I could easily make a 20 page Wheel Tracks but please don't stop...keep it coming!

My highpoint this month was the visit to Mervin and Clara Wells' home in Marshfield. Getting pictures of the 47 Big Boy for the March front page was great but even greater was meeting these two people. **Gael Boardman and**

Cousin Hal offered to go along making the day even better. Seems Mervin is a 'tin knocker' and that is Hal's profession also, which led to a tour of Merv's barn where he has many sheet metal devices he wants to sell. Give him a call if you are interested.

The March VAE Meet info is on page 3, if you want a great glass deal you won't want to miss this one. Please keep up with the May plans at the new Champlain Bridge. It very well could be the 2nd biggest bash for us in 2012, second only to our Stowe Show.

Please read the article at the bottom of page 8 carefully. VAE help kicking our Montpelier lawmakers in the pants could really pay off when it comes to touring our treasured cars.

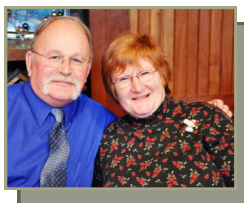
As you can see in the Sunshine Report, Jan Sander is heading in for an operation soon. Maybe you have noticed the great job she has been doing with the VAAS minutes each month. Except for Jan, most of the folks in the VAAS meetings don't bring pencils. Is there someone reading this who would be willing to take Jan's place for a couple of months while she is recouping? Our next meeting is the 19th of March at the Williston Library.

As you may know, Wheel Tracks is printed at L. Brown & Sons in Barre. I was very 'green' when I took over from Gene Fodor last January and luckily I found someone at Browns with tons of patience and personality by the name of **Toni Stebbins**. Most of the credit you were giving me really belonged to Toni. I am saying this because she has been laid off and deserves a huge thank you from us.

Thank You Toni !

We received five new listings this month for our VAE Website Yellow(ed) Pages. Please keep them coming so all of us "new restoration experts" will know where to go. I know you have your favorite shops and vendors, I would like to list them on our website.

Enjoy this month issue of Wheel Tracks



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From The President

David Sander

Well, the saga of the winter that wasn't continues... I have plowed the driveway, once. I have actually needed to sand the driveway a fair bit due to the ice. I have found walking on the ice to be quite challenging, and fell a few times. Be careful.

We'll see if this trend continues, or if we will get a late blast of winter this spring.

Our February silent movie meeting at Wake Robin was a resounding success. Lloyd Davis showed some amazing early movies. I especially enjoyed seeing the race up Mt. Washington circa 1905. Even

though there was no sound, I could almost hear the Stanley Steamers chugging and puffing up the narrow, steep dirt road.

We used a public address system at the Wake Robin event, and a lot of our members got to experience something they have not heard for some time. The event. I am getting estimates for a portable sound system to bring to future events, so the members who are now hearing impaired can hear. I hope to have multiple quotes ready for the next board of directors meeting.

The planning for the Champlain Bridge dedication are under way. We are actively seeking '29 era cars for this historic, once in a lifetime car display. Available parking site for VAE members with trailers is being planned for on the Vermont side. The VAE sponsored car show will occur on Saturday, May 19th on the grounds of the Crown Point State Historic Site from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. On Sunday, the hours will be 11 to 4:00 PM (See page 6 for more detail).

SAVE THE DATE. Details are still being sorted out. **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** step up to the plate and help the VAE, local celebrities, politicians, dignitaries, the States of Vermont and New York and your friends and neighbors. The VAE has been asked to provide transportation for the '29ers as well as the dignitaries for the parade display. We have been given prime lake side real estate with the priceless view of the new bridge in the background. What a gift for the VAE. We will get our moment in the spotlight, and it will be archived for future generations to see.

More details to follow. Hopefully the weather will be accommodating. You never know up here in the North Country. Who knows, we may get a snow storm!



March VAE Meet

Anderson's Auto Glass
236 Krupp Drive Williston, VT 05495
(877) 634-5277



March 17th. Arrive @ Noon
Brown bag lunch (Dessert and Beverage provided by VAE)
The Anderson's will be giving demonstrations and
Answering your glass questions.

They will be offering a 5% Discount

To anyone who would like to create a job quote with them on that day. So bring in your projects or simply describe the work you want done and get a quote with a 5% discount.

Two \$100 Anderson Gift Certificates will also be raffled off as door prizes

A business meeting will follow. If the day is good to drive your antique or classic, please do. It has been a long winter.

Directions: Anderson's is just 3 doors down from Vermont Engine Service on Krupp Drive. Just go to Taft's Corners, turn toward Burlington and the airport. Take your 3rd left on South Brownell Road, 1st right on Shunpike Road then a left on Krupp Drive. You will find Anderson's just a little ways on the Right.

We collected about 50 pounds of food at our Wake Robin meet. When I dropped off our donation at the Shelburne food shelf, the director was very pleased and extended her thanks to the members of the VAE.

Let's continue the tradition...please bring something for the food shelf

Sunshine Report

Jan Sander is having shoulder surgery, neat get-well cards always Lifts spirits. Her address is in the Roster



Welcome New members:

****Tim & Juli Haley, Wells, VT, 1986 Mercedes-Benz 300E**

Welcome to All. New Rosters should be printed by February.

A Note From Your Activities Chair.....

Our July 7th Car Show / Monthly meet will be at Knight Point State Park.

I am looking for persons interested in organizing and setting up this event. We need suggestions and volunteers to make this a successful event. We are partnering with the Island Center for Arts & Recreation. ICAR will be responsible for prizes, advertising, food concessions, and possible BBQ. For more information contact Jim Sears
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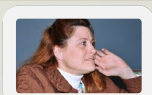
THE SOFTER SIDE

A Column Shared & Written by Marnita Leach (The Cookey),
Mary Noble (Left) & Nancy Olney (Right)

A Thanks to Our “VAE Family” and By Mary Noble

The first thing I want to say this month is a heartfelt “Thank You” for the caring condolence cards sent us by VAE members after Wendell’s mother passed away in December. She was 107 years old, which was amazing, but she truly was an amazing lady and gave a whole new meaning to “Mother-in-law”. She was “Mom” to me as well as Wendell. Makes me glad all over again to be part of the VAE family! Our VAE Christmas party seemed like a family get-together as do most of our meetings. How often do we actually look forward to a “meeting”? Now for something completely different.

I was recycling the other day and noticed, once again, how many people don’t bother to read what is accepted as recyclable. I grant that most, at least, aren’t tossing it out their car windows, but that’s another story. Apparently our legislators aren’t doing a very good job either, according to an article in the Burlington Free Press recently. Which brings me to mention throwing trash in with recyclables, tossing plastic silverware and glasses away when they can be washed and reused. It really doesn’t take much time to rinse out cartons, jars and cans, fold out cardboard boxes, remove small lids. And then there’s soda cans and bottles that are returnable for money – they should be rinsed out as well. Our son, in his younger days, worked in a bottle return center and I always think of the yucky smell, especially beer cans and bottles, and particularly in the summer. So I’m a little fanatical about this subject. Of course, there is also my wanting to ‘clear up’ after a meal or a meeting, which goes back to my waitressing days. It drives Wendell a little crazy, but I just feel I have to help “neaten” up, clustering the cups and glasses, etc., for easier removal by our server. My fellow writer, Nancy Olney, and I are on the same page with this “neatening up”, should I say, hang-up!? Anyone who has been to our home probably wonders why I don’t practice what I preach – my answer is, too busy baking!



FROM THE ‘COOKIE’ AT THE STOWE SHOW

BY MARNITA LEACH



GRASS HOPPER MINT BROWNIES

1 CUP BUTTER OR MARGARINE	4 SQUARES UNSWEETENED CHOCOLATE
2 CUPS SUGAR	4 EGGS
1 CUP UNBLEACHED FLOUR	1 CUP BROKEN WALNUTS

COMBINE BUTTER AND CHOCOLATE IN SAUCEPAN. MELT OVER LOW HEAT, STIRRING OCCASIONALLY. STIR IN SUGAR, THEN BEAT IN EGGS, ONE AT A TIME. WHISK IN THE FLOUR, THEN THE NUTS, POUR INTO A WELL GREASED 9 BY 13 PAN, BAKE IN PREHEATED OVEN OF 375 DEGREES FOR 20 TO 25 MINUTES.

MINT LAYER

4 TABLESPOONS MARGARINE OR BUTTER, SOFTENED	2 CUPS SIFTED POWERED SUGAR
1-2 DROPS PEPPERMINT FLAVORING	4 DROPS GREEN FOOD COLORING
1-2 TABLESPOONS MILK	

IN SMALL MIXING BOWL USING THE ELECTRIC MIXER, BEAT TOGETHER 4 TABLESPOONS SOFTENED BUTTER, POWERED SUGAR, PEPPERMINT FLAVORING AND GREEN FOOD COLORING. ADD ENOUGH MILK TO MAKE THE MIXTURE A SPREADING CONSISTENCY. SPREAD THE MINT LAYER OVER COOLED BROWNIES. COVER THE PAN AND REFRIGERATE FOR 1 HOUR.

CHOCOLATE TOPPING

2/3 CUPS SEMISWEET CHOCOLATE { I USE GHIRADELLI 60% COCOA EXTRA DARK}
6 TABLESPOONS BUTTER 2 TEASPOONS VANILLA

IN DOUBLE BOILER MELT CHOCOLATE, 6 TABLESPOONS BUTTER AND VANILLA. STIR FREQUENTLY IF USING A DOUBLE BOILER. STIR CHOCOLATE SMOOTH. LET COOL BRIEFLY. POUR CHOCOLATE OVER CHILLED MINT LAYER. TIP PAN TO SPREAD CHOCOLATE AND COVER FROSTING COMPLETELY. LET BROWNIES STAND UNTIL SET ABOUT 1 HOUR. CUT AND ENJOY.



Gene Fodor's

DID YOU KNOW - 1913, that ...



Thomas Edison with his 1913 Electric car.

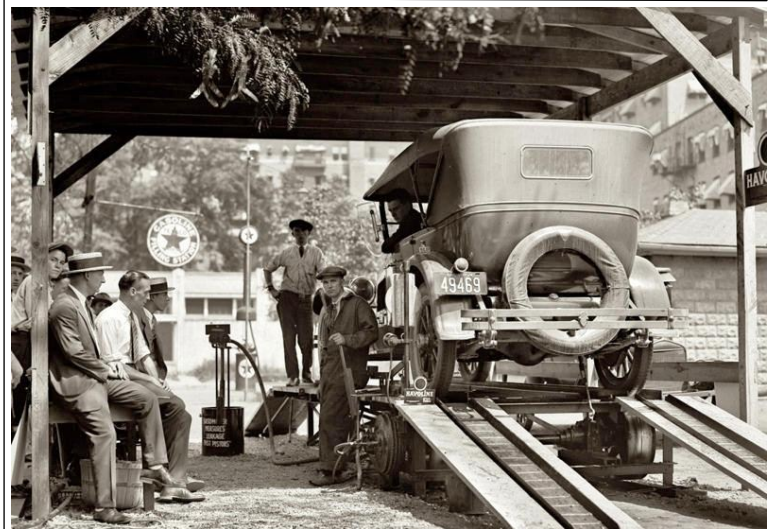
- ... Production was 461,500 passenger cars (100,00 more than 1912 and 23,500 trucks and buses.
- ... Chevy operations were moved to Flint MI and merges with the Little Motor Car Co.
- ... The national Automobile Chamber of Commerce was organized.
- ... Installment paper (loans) was used for the first time.
- ... Cadillac won the Dewar Trophy for the second time.
- ... Wire wheels were offered as standard equipment on several.
- ... The Bendix drive for starters was shown for the first time.
- ... Ford production attained a rate of 1000 cars a day.
- ... the National Association of Automobile Advertising Men was Organized.
- ... Jules Goux, driving a Peugeot, won the Indy 500 at an average speed of 75.92 mph.
- ... Packard used 'forced feed' lubrication.
- ... The first Chevy assembly plant was opened.
- ... Only 13 new marques were introduced in 1912.

A sharp eyed reader pointed out an error in the name of the developer of the all-steel body in my January column.

The developer was Edward Gowen Budd and not as show. Sorry for the type error.



Ford Sales and Service. Look at all those Model T's. You could have one in any color you wanted as long as it was black, (Henry Ford). Henry chose black because it was the fastest drying color!!!!!!



The place is a Texaco Gasoline Filling Station (primarily they filled gas tanks). But what is that contraption with the ramps?

**The
New Fuel Gage
That
Gene Fodor
Will be
Installing in his
MGTD**



This from Les Skinner.....

**Check this website video out.
A new car museum in Tacoma Washington
with all of Harold Lamay's
3300 cars.**

<http://www.komonews.com/news/local/New-museum-celebrates-Americas-love-affair-with-the-car-134569683.html?tab=video>



Dome Gas. You better try it cause "It's Better". It better be good since they want 23 cents a gallon for it!!!!!! So what is that tank car doing on the trestle by itself? Did Hercules Petroleum Co. lose it? A midnight requisition for that better Dome Gas?

Thank You Bill Billado for these great fill "Gas Station" pictures from the 20s

Mervin Well's 47 Big Boy Hudson

When I called Mervin Wells to ask if I could feature his Hudson Big Boy Pickup for Wheel Tracks this month, all I knew was what is entered in our 2011 Roster. A couple of phone calls later and a visit to Marshfield and presto, I have met some of the nicest folks you can find in all of Vermont. Merv and his wife Clara live in the Winooski River Valley just south of Marshfield in the farmhouse his folks had and where he grew up; a beautiful valley, even in the middle of winter without our normal snow. Merv is 90 years old and they have been married 67 years, he was a plumbing and heating specialist and Clara a bookkeeper at Goddard College for many years. Their daughter Betty claims the reason for her parent's great health is Clara's cooking skills, she has a degree in nutrition. Merv was a drummer in a band back in the 40s and even though Clara's folks wanted her to "stay away from that drummer", they finally did marry and raised a family of four boys and two girls, which has led to some 33 around the Thanksgiving table with 5 missing.

Now to the Hudson....Merv purchased the Big Boy in Florida 27 years ago from Ralph Adell. The truck needed a lot of work and restoration but Ralph told Merv he would have no problem driving it home to Vermont and that is what he did, with his son following behind. Years earlier Ralph had found the Hudson in a Connecticut woods and needed to clear trees that had grown up around the truck to get it out. Once the Big Boy was pulled out of the woods Ralph added a battery, gas and oil; started it with no problem and drove it to his home in Pennsylvania, a tribute to 262 flathead 6 cylinder engine. I also heard that engine running and some could say the sound could be close to music.

Merv has since painted the truck in the beautiful two tone grey that you see in the picture, reworked the wood and added many new parts



including all new tires. Parades in the area have included Merv and his Big Boy for years but since a small stroke a few years ago has limited his use of the clutch, he has decided to sell. Someone will end up with quite a treasure and the day it leaves that valley, I am sure, will be a sad day. You will see the listing in the classifieds for the contact information.

It was a great pleasure to meet you Merv and Clara, I wonder if there is a day in the future when you could attend a club



"Lake Champlain Bridge: Celebrating 80 Years of History"

VT route 125 south/east of The Bridge Restaurant will be the staging area for Saturday's Parade for the '29ers vehicles being provided by VAE members and others.

The official parade will start on the Vermont side at 11:00 am on Saturday, May 19th 2012.

VAE members will find parking for their Vintage Vehicles (1955 and older) for the VAE Grand Car Display at a selected site in the Crown Point State Historic Site, in view of the new bridge.

We are actively seeking '29 era cars for this historic, once in a lifetime car display.

Available parking site for VAE members with trailers is being planned for on the Vermont side.

VAE Members bringing newer vehicles (1955 and newer) or their regular daily driver, will likely be parked in "designated parking" but not necessarily near the Vintage Vehicles.

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A Woodworking Tool Comes to the Rescue by Bob Lalancette

This winter I decided to get a project done on my car. Years ago, I built the powerglide transmission, turning the pistons down on a lathe in order to pack more clutch plates inside. This along with a "shift kit" produced a rather hard and abnoxious shift. It turned out to be embarrassing to tell people that I rebuilt it myself. So on a cold Saturday, I warmed the garage and jacked the car up. I removed the oil pan and valve body of the transmission.

A few years earlier, I bought a used powerglide as a spare. I drained the fluid and removed its valve body. The casting numbers were the same for both, so no problems with this swap. I was concerned with the condition of the spare but there was no rust on the outside and the shifting valve moved smoothly.

The main ingredient of the "shift kit" was a drill bit and new gaskets. Basically larger holes are drilled in the separator plate of the valve body to allow the fluid to quickly fill the piston that activates the clutch drum. This produces a firm, or in my case, a slamming shift. The stock valve body went into the car with no problems. The main issue was the installation of the vacuum modulating valve. This valve senses the engine vacuum and adjusts the shifting point. It has a narrow nut to tighten it and my 1 inch wrench was too wide. I think I just grabbed the outside and tightened it before. This time I wanted to do it correctly and use a wrench.

Thoughts of grinding the wrench down ran through my head. I was standing at the workbench when something caught my eye. My dad had given me some woodworking tools during a home downsizing move. There on the shelf was the wrench to change the saw blade of the table saw. It was thin, strong, and a perfect fit. The following Saturday was cold and the road was hard packed snow. I had to feel how the car would shift. So once again, 32 years after the only snow the car has seen since I've owned it, we hit the road. It shifted smooooothly. Keep your eyes and mind open when working on your car as a tool to use may be right in front of you.

The "U" MALL ...

The Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts (VAE) will be

displaying autos at the University Mall in South Burlington, VT on Saturday and Sunday July 21 and 22, 2012 advertising the Antique and Classic Car Meet at Stowe as well as for soliciting membership for the VAE. The arrival time at the Mall on July 21st is no later than 9am (Mall opening time) but 8:30am is the best in order to position the cars. The cars must remain in position until Sunday until closing, 6pm.

Some Mall requirements: The cars have to be pushed in and out; fuel tank cannot be more the 1/2 full; battery to be disconnected during the display; mats are to be placed under the tires and undercarriage. (Now tell me, whose car drips oil?) No wax or tire bright may be applied in the mall. Bring chairs and eats if desired, though there is plenty to eat at the Mall.

To date, David Sander and his Corvette, Gene Fodor with Eliot, Gary Fiske with a 27 Dodge or 33 Franklin, Wendell Noble and Bob Lalancette. have agreed to bring their classics for display. The ideal lineup is for five or six cars, such as we had last year. If there are more cars willing to display, that's fine. The more the better.

A 12 hour day followed by a 9 hour day is tiring. If there are Members willing to car sit or come and chat from about 12 noon to 5 pm or so on Saturday to give those who display a break. Whoever has the VAE banner should make that available and if Stowe has a banner as well. Please contact Gene Fodor to display or car-sit at: 802-372-9146 or crownwheel@comcast.net



2011 University Mall Visit



VAE GOSSIP by gcf

Remember the 55 Roadmaster mention in last month's column? I said if anyone was interested in more info that I would pass it on. Well, when someone did ask I forgot who told me. I do believe those birthdays are coming too fast. I did get lucky when Pierre Pepin walked up to me at the Wake Robin meet...he was the guy. Pierre can show you the back yard where it is if you call him. Check out the classifieds.

I was trolling around for new Yellow(ed) Pages listings last month when I ran across a small pile of old business cards in my desk. I ended up calling a few to see if they were still in business and had a great talk with 'Diesel Dan' from Arlington. He was on his cell phone with a large boat in his double trailer trying to find an address in western New York. He is a retired gent working on his 2nd career and sounds like a very responsible guy.

Wendell Noble has trailered his 29 Plymouth home with a new top from Caggio's Upholstery. I understand Tom Caggio's apprentice Owen Board was involved with the work also. Owen is Gael's son and Cousin Hal's....huh...I am not sure. Wendell is very happy with Tom's work. So much so that he has gone to Mopar again and just took delivery of a new 3-quarter ton diesel Dodge PU. I understand a few Ford folks have sent Get Well cards.

The Vermont Career Center VAAS Awards Program has taken a couple of turns from the original ideas that started last summer. In the beginning, the idea was to award a \$3000 tool scholarship to a senior who was heading to VTC. Plus 10 juniors would be recognized with a Golden Wrench Award and tools. The idea behind picking the juniors was to help them recognize their skills so they might really go at it during their senior year to be ready for college level work and of course, to encourage them to go on with their education. Our test site has been the Cold Hollow Career Center in Enosburg that serves the five surrounding towns. They agreed last year to work with us to develop our plan. They will also be the only awards recipient this first year. We have found our ideas were good but in many cases somewhat unworkable. An example: there are 16 career centers with auto tech programs in Vermont and we would have needed over 3 years to include them all. Our new plan, that will be completed at the end of this February will be to include a junior in all 16 career centers every year. No seniors will be included. The VAAS nominations committee will ask for nominations from the schools each January and be ready with the awards when the schools have their awards banquet in April. This 1st year will be different. Our club will be presenting the awards at Enosburg during our April meet and garage tour on the 13th. The final awards plan will be in The April Wheel Tracks.





This column is a Q & A column with you asking me questions and after researching the answer I will reply.

Any questions 'automotive' is fare game, I might not know the answer but hopefully I will find someone who does know.

Please send all inquiries to dasander@aol.com or 32 Turkey Hill Road, Richmond VT

*** Talking Shop ***

No questions to answer this month, so I'll take this opportunity to "talk shop."

I like to work on cars. Fortunately, antique cars give me plenty of opportunities to do just that. Occasionally a problem will come up and it will stump me. This is often upsetting at the time, but usually works out well in the end. I say this because I usually end up buying a new tool, or, I learn something.

I have a rather large assortment of tools, from a nice collection of hand tools to more specialized tools. Several years ago Wilson Tire in Lebanon, NH sold off all their equipment, including the lifts. I was able to buy a two post lift for my garage at a very favorable price, and now I am equipped to do most repairs on cars. I refuse to buy a tool that I will only use a couple of times. If it becomes clear that I will get a lot of use out of a tool, I will purchase it, but it needs to justify the expense and the amount of space it takes up in my garage. I can do my own A/C repair now, but I don't have a fancy several thousand dollar evacuation machine, I have a \$15 dollar compressor powered vacuum pump from Harbor Freight. It works, and I've probably used it 4 times now.

The tool I use the most, though, is my computer. Knowledge is power, and if I need to learn about something the internet is always just a few finger strokes away.

I have found the Internet forums quite helpful. There is more knowledge and experience there than in any book. Chances are, whenever I have a problem or a question I need answered there is a group of people who have already solved it and they are all too happy to help.

This resource is invaluable for answering questions and solving problems. The internet is very useful during a restoration, from finding pictures of how things are supposed to be assembled, to finding out the finer points of originality, all the answers can be found on line.

If you have a particularly troubling problem, come to a VAE meeting and ask for help. You will be hard pressed to find another room with more knowledge and people willing to help. If you can't wait for a meeting, pick up the VAE Roster and look for a person with a car similar to yours, and give them a call.

Another tip I have found to be very beneficial is the use of another similar car. It is amazing how we get used to something, and then just assume that it is normal. The best way I can judge what is "right" on any particular car is to compare it with a car that is right.

Take the opportunity to drive someone else's car. This is a great way to see if everything is as it should be on your car. It is truly amazing how things change over time, and we get used to it. Our cars need to drive safely, and we simply cannot drive with brakes or suspension components that are not up to par.

☆☆☆ Dear Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts ☆☆☆

I have come to know the Vermont Auto Enthusiasts club over the years through your sponsorship of the annual show at Stowe, and am hoping that you would be interested in supporting efforts to revise Vermont law so as to permit the registration of antique cars with a license plate from their year of manufacture. Last January, with help from my state representative, Ernie Shand, House Bill 40 was drafted to make this possible, and sent to the House Transportation Committee. At this time it is still with that committee, and appears to need a show of interest from voters around the state before it will move. While to me the bill makes perfect sense - it would bring Vermont into line with the practice of surrounding states for antique cars, could be a source of added revenue, and would delight owners of antique cars - it's competing with other bills which are much more pressing.

I am the owner of a 1955 Buick, and get a lot of pleasure from maintaining it, driving it, and taking it to car shows and cruise-ins around the state. Being able to use a license plate from the year of the car's manufacture adds a real touch of authenticity to the car. Present Vermont law allows use of a historic plate on the rear of the car only, though the car is not actually registered for that plate. It applies only to cars manufactured before 1939, i.e., those 74 or more years old, of which there are few on the road today. House bill 40 would use the prevalent definition of "antique" car, namely one that is 25 years or more old, and would actually have the car registered with the number of the historic plate used.

The best way to get the bill reviewed by the Transportation Committee and sent to the House and Senate for their consideration is for Vermonters to register their support of the bill with their state representatives. The sooner, the better. Notes should express the writer's own feelings about the bill and be brief! I suggest sending the note directly to the writer's House representative, with copies to their state Senators and to the Chair of the House Transportation Committee (Patrick Brennan, at pbrennan@leg.state.vt.us). To find the names and e-mail addresses of one's Vermont House and Senate reps, go to: <http://www.leg.state.vt.us/legdir/legdirmain.cfm> Hope you can help. You can reach me at 263-9345 if you have questions.

John Berlenbach Weathersfield, Vermont



Don Rayta's Monthly Mini-Feature

Hi, Don,

I have restored a 1941 JD B tractor and a 1 ton 1928 IHC 6 speed special. At present I'm working on restoring a 1970 Ski-Doo and have a 1959 JD 435D tractor and a 1969 F800 Ford dump truck, which a friend gave me, for a future project.

By far my biggest project to date has been the frame off restoration of my 1965 F100 step side pickup. I purchased it in November of 09 from a man in Montpelier who was doing a historic survey of old barns of VT at our farm in Milton. He brought it from New Mexico to VT in 1988. I brought it to my shop in Milton where the frame off restoration began. I completely dismantled it and brought it to Finish Solutions for sand blasting, from there it was back to my shop where I started rebuilding, replacing, manufacturing, mechanical and body work, which meant a lot of dirty work, cleaning all the parts from scraping to metal brush cleaning, sand blasting, ready for painting. The complete brake system was replaced and in doing so I threw out some of the old parts needed thinking they came with the new brake parts. From this point on I kept all parts until I had replacement parts in my hands. As a builder I had not done a lot of this type of work, so in doing upwards of 90% of the work myself I had a real learning curve putting something together and taking it apart because I had done it wrong. I would tell my wife (Vilma) "I'm glad I'm not paying me to do this job."

One of the things I did was to manufacture the back of the rear fenders from a flat piece of body metal using a three (3) inch exhaust pipe in a vise, heating, bending, cutting, welding until it matched the original and welding it into place. We replaced all of the floor pans, body mounts, cab corners, vent in front of the windshield, grill, radiator and support, rebuilt inner and outer fenders, took the hood apart, cleaned up, painted, replaced glass and weather strip, head liner, steering wheel, gas tank, new seat cushion and cover, rebuilt box sides of tail gate, head board, oak floor and strips ready for paint. Finally painting of the truck, replacing the trim, new tires and ready for the road.



I learned from this experience, which was from November 2009 to June 2011, tracking down parts, the high cost of parts and shipping, and the hundreds of hours in doing a project of this kind, but the satisfaction, pride and knowledge I gained when it was complete made it worth the effort. I would like to thank my wife and the people who helped along the way. We have enjoyed the F100 on a daily basis plus our trips with the VAE club meets.

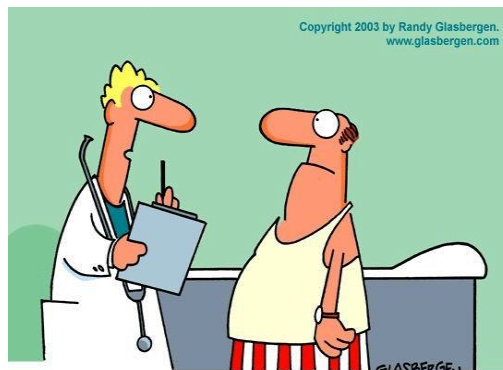
Thanks, Jim Cary

Editors note.... Jim was awarded the 2011 President's Restoration Award at our Wake Robin meet on February 5th. By Wendell Noble. A perfect ending to a two years restoration and a great example of determination and hard work.



From Gene Fodor

*A number plate collection
On the left
And
Good Advice
On the Right*



"What fits your busy schedule better, exercising one hour a day or being dead 24 hours a day?"





1931 Chrysler driven by Fred and BJ Gonet on the Walter P. Chrysler club tour

THE SUMMER NO LAWNS WERE MOWED

PART 3 by Gary Olney

It's July 1st, we're back home and there are no car events for a few days. Here's my chance to mow that knee high grass at camp for the only time this summer! But in a few days we're back to nearly full time car events.

First, it was the Walter P. Chrysler Club National Show and tour in the Northeast Kingdom. We're not members so we couldn't enter a car, but we did plenty of looking. They had a great turnout with some very nice cars, but not enough early Chrysler products for my liking.

A few days later, it was an auction in Swanton with a 1930 Hupmobile



1930 Hupmobile Cabriolet Wendell and I bid on. I forget-why did we want this?

Cabriolet or parts thereof. Once owned by **Gael Boardman**, it was later dismantled for restoration and MANY parts disappeared over the years. But it was a rare and desirable body. (I've seen a few rare and desirable bodies and they weren't cars!!! (N.O.) With a few other VAE members in attendance, the bidding began. I bid up to what I could afford (and still dared go home!) but the other bidder went higher. So I asked Wendell Noble if he wanted to go halves with me. Nothing like putting your friend on the spot, out of the blue, right in the middle of the bidding!! With both of us wanting to keep it out of street rodders hands and not knowing who we were bidding against at the time, he agreed. We didn't get it and the winning bidder isn't a street rodder, so it was a happy ending!

The following weekend it was the VAE display at University Mall. With a dozen or so members present at any one time, it was a good time and good exposure for the club and the Stowe show.



1913 Cadillac from Montreal at the Stowe Show.

Then there were the car shows from the end of July through mid-August. First up was Granby, Quebec. If you have never been there, it's a must. No matter your period of interest in automobiles, you'll find it there as well as a large flea market. Next was the Cars of Yesteryear show at Newport and, finally the Stowe show. This was the first year Nancy and I had participated in the parade and enjoyed taking our daughter-in-law, **Amanda and the grandchildren, Cooper and Addison.**

A few days after the Stowe Show there was the Guinness Book of World Records Cadillac Parade in Barton, the birthplace of Henry Leland, founder of Cadillac. Several VAE members were there, including VAE members with Newport's Cars of Yesteryear club who helped with the parade organization. With 298 Cadillacs in the parade, the record was smashed! I was fortunate enough to ride in the parade in a 1909 Cadillac from Landgrove, VT and ride back to the starting point in a 1905 from Stoughton, MA..

Also, during this time, there were events at various Senior Centers. First was **Wake Robin** in Shelburne with other VAE members, then **Michaud Manor** in Derby Line and finally **Union House** in Glover with Cars of Yesteryear members. These are fun, rewarding events for those

of us with cars as well as the residents who enjoy the cars and especially for those who 'catch a ride'.

It's now September and time for more tours. From the 7th until the 13th, it was **"The Mountain Slowspokes"** tour. This time in western Vermont, beginning in Brandon and ending in the Champlain Islands. This group, from throughout Vermont and parts of New Hampshire, some VAE members, some Yesteryears Motorcar Club members, tour a different area somewhere in New England or New York each September. This tour was planned by Steve and Nancy Gray and a great time was had by all!

On September 15th we were off to Buffalo, NY for another 4 Cylinder Plymouth tour. As with the May Plymouth tour in Ontario, we went with **Wendell and Mary Noble** but this time we went with a 4 Cylinder Plymouth. Unfortunately, the tour Gods were not with us. A 1928 Roadster never got off the trailer because its owner was sick in bed the entire weekend. At the start of the tour on Friday, the 1930 Coupe belonging to the tour leader had mechanical problems not more than a quarter of a mile into the tour and was out for the rest of the weekend. On Saturday, a 1932 Roadster had fuel line problems and was out for the day. Now it was our turn with the 1931 Phaeton. The transmission wouldn't engage and we're in downtown Buffalo!! Back to the motel for the truck and trailer and we're done!

But not done with trouble. We're on our way home, it's Sunday and we have tire problems on the trailer. We have a spare tire, but the rim won't fit the trailer. Luckily, there's a nearby tire store open. Unluckily, they can't work on trailers- company policy! Luckily, Wendell is able to persuade the manager to help us out. And the fee?? NO CHARGE! He says how can he charge us when we were never there. Wendell sent him some of that good Noble maple syrup for a well deserved - THANK YOU! We continued home without further incident. Gee, this article is getting way tooooooooooooooo long. Let's continue next month!



1932 Plymouth with 5 people power on the tour in Buffalo. Isn't touring fun!

Treasurer's Report - February 12, 2012**Vermont Automobile Enthusiasts, Inc.**

MONEY MARKET - balance January 9, 2012 \$148,546.80

add: January interest income 75.50

Balance February 12, 2012 148,622.30

GENERAL CHECKING - balance January 9, 2012 \$ 2,761.46

Deposits

Member dues 1,627.00

Stowe sponsors 300.00

add back old o/s checks, etc. 234.61

Total receipts 2,161.61

Disbursements

5259 St. Andrew's Church - January meet 25.00

5260 Whitney Hill Homestead - board meeting room 125.00

5261 VT Dept of Taxes - Use tax for 2011 593.19

5262 Jim Sears - monthly meet expense 93.19

5263 The Front Desk - Stowe printing 91.14

5264 Gene Fodor - Stowe sponsor expenses 206.32

5265 Robert Chase - Stowe expense reimbursement 42.39

5266 Hanover Insurance Co - liab. & veh. insurance 1,704.00

5267 VAAS - WT & website 750.00

Total disbursements 3,630.23

Balance -February 12, 2012 1,292.84

Total VAE accounts \$ 149,915.14

Vermont Antique Automobile Society, Inc.

CHECKING ACCOUNT - January 9, 2012 \$ 2,091.22

Deposits -

VAE payment for WT & website 750.00

Advertising 250.00

Sales of books and parts from the Unsworth and

Wheeler collections 300.00

Member donations 425.00

Total receipts 1,725.00

Disbursements -

224 VT Secretary of State - Annual Report 5.00

225 L. Brown & Sons, Inc. - Feb. WT 623.95

Total disbursements 628.95

Balance - February 12, 2012 \$ 3,187.27

Restricted Funds

Balance - January 9, 2012

add: member donations

Balance - February 12, 2012

Scholarship

Fund

\$ 4,315

\$ 675

\$ 4,315

\$ 1,100

Dick Wheatley-Tresurer

75.50

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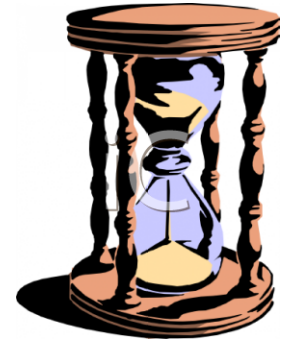
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January 14th VAE/VAAS Minutes from our Waterbury Meet



The January meet was hosted by **Lucille and Gene Napoleillo** in Waterbury at St. Leo's Hall of St. Andrews Church. After a delicious well provided pot luck dinner the Business meeting began at 12:40 PM. Outgoing President **Wendell Noble** presented the Anne Gypson Tour Award to **Jim and Christine Sears**. He then turned the gavel over to this year's President, **David Sander**. Jan Sander told the group that this is the first time in VAE history that the President has been preceded in office by his parents who are both former VAE Presidents.

David thanked Gene and Lucille for hosting our Meet. He then asked if there were any guests or new members attending. **Gary Irish** is a new member. He was a member previously during the 1980's. We all welcomed Gary back into the Club.

Andy Barnett motioned to accept the minutes of December's meeting as printed in Wheel Tracks. **Gene Napoliello** seconded and the motion passed. **Gene Napoliello** motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report for audit as printed in Wheel Tracks. **Fred Cook** seconded this motion and it was passed. The meeting then moved on to the Committee Reports.

Futures Committee – **Gary Fiske** reported that the scholarships are on track to be awarded in June. They are looking for new committee members. **Gene Napoliello** and **Gael Boardman** will continue on this committee, and **Andy Barnett** volunteered to join.

Nominating Committee – this committee is also looking for new members. **Gary Olney** has decided to step down.

Activities Committee – **Jim Sears** told the group that the next VAE Meet will be on Sunday, February 5 at 1:00 PM at Wake Robin. This meeting will be hosted by **Fred and Ann Hiltz**. **Lloyd Davis** will be sharing some movies from his silent film collection. Popcorn and punch will be served.

Stowe Show Committee – **Bob Chase** reported that the Stowe Committee will be meeting this coming Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 PM at the Commodore's Inn in Stowe. They will be working with a rough draft of the brochure. **Duane Leach** reported that Eastern Etching is working on the trophies.

Old Business – **Fred Cook** asked that the Board consider changing the date for the 2012 Annual Meeting as it is the Saturday before Election Day and there may be some scheduling conflicts. It was pointed out that the Annual Meeting date is set in the By Laws. Following some discussion, **Gael Boardman** made the following motion: For this year the Board will be empowered to set the date of the Annual meeting. **Gene Napoliello** seconded the motion. The vote was 18 for the motion and 12 against the motion. The motion passed.

New Business – **Wendell** stated that **Chris Barbieri** has been investigating a possible 10 day Club trip to China. The costs will cover all expenses – hotel, all admissions and all but 3 meals, but it does not include airfare. The prices would be as follows: if a minimum of 10 people go cost per person for double occupancy is \$1,785. Minimum of 15 people is \$1,695, minimum of 20 people is \$1,635, and minimum of 25 people is \$1,590. For single occupancy add \$470 to each price. **Gary Fiske** told the group that the ongoing update to our website is nearly complete. If anyone has any suggestions they should let him know. The Burlington Free Press has run two VAE related articles. One was on the VAE itself and one was about **Bill Billado**. There will be another article coming shortly. This article will be about **Gary Olney**. **Gary** also mentioned that the proposed Cuba trip may still be a possibility as the host club in Havana will be issuing an invitation soon and the person who was going to facilitate the trip is now able to do so. **Don Rayta** asked members to submit articles to him for his Monthly Mini-Feature column in Wheel Tracks. He is asking members to submit a short 250 – 300 word article about one of their vehicles. They can be sent directly to **Don**. **Gene Fodor** asked that the Club look into some sort of sound amplification system that could be used at meetings. This would make it easier for those members with hearing difficulties to participate. **Richard Pignatello (Piggy)** is looking for VAE members to assist with the 2013 Glidden Tour. The Tour is sponsored by the Green Mountain Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America. It will take place here in Vermont September 8 through 13 of 2013. **Gael Boardman** announced that the Club has acquired a number of books from the families of the late **Ray Unsworth and Harold Wheeler**. These books are for sale and the

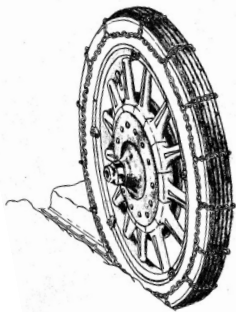
money will go into the VAAS treasury. **Gene Fodor** asked if a new Club banner could be purchased as the current one was apparently misplaced after it was used at an AACA event in Stowe last May. **Bob Chase** made the motion that the Club purchase a new banner. **Dick Wheatley** seconded the motion and it passed. **Gene Napoliello** will look for the current banner. **Gael Boardman** mentioned that the VAAS Board will be meeting this Monday, January 16 at 1:30 PM at **Dick Wheatley's** office. **David Sander** mentioned that there will be a meeting of the group planning the May dedication of the new Champlain Bridge on January 24 in Montpelier.

The business meeting adjourned at 1:35.

After adjournment, several members shared their automobile related collections with the group. The presentations were very informative. There were presentations by young people as well. **Don Rayta's** grandson, **Daniel Hicks**, brought his collection of Matchbox cars. **Gene and Lucille's** grandson, **Natty McLyman** age 6, brought some of his toys to display and he told the group about them. It is wonderful to have young participants. This is where the future of hobby is! **Natty** also was very helpful when it came time to clean up at the end of our Meet.

Respectfully submitted:

Jan Sander



VAAS Board Meeting Minutes January 16, 2012



Board members Present: Gael Boardman, Andy Barnett, Leo Laferriere, Jan Sander. **Dick Wheatley**

Others Present: Gary Fiske, Wendell Noble, Jim Sears

The meeting took place at Dick Wheatley's office at 1Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Junction, VT. The meeting was called to order by the President, Gael Boardman at 1:40 PM.

All motions were unanimous unless otherwise noted.

- 1. Everyone shared a quick hobby report.** Leo's Model A was the first car to travel East to West on the new Champlain Bridge. Jan and Bill's Pierce Arrow driven by David was the first car to cross the bridge in any direction. Dick saw some interesting antique cars in Norway. Jim's 1940 Packard 180 is coming along well. The upholstery and top on Wendell's touring car are nearing completion. Gael's Chevy is all together and has good oil pressure. He has driven it up and down the road.
- 2. Secretary's Report:** Dick made the motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed in Wheel Tracks. Andy seconded this motion.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** There is currently \$2,091 in the Club account. The book sale at Saturday's VAE Meeting brought in an additional \$200. These are books that were donated to the Club by the families of the late Ray Unsworth and Harold Wheeler. An additional \$100 has come in from advertising. This gives the VAAS a total of about \$2,300 now. There was a discussion about whether the Education and Long Range Funds should be in separate accounts or kept as Restricted Funds in the one VAAS account. It was decided to stay with the one account.
- 4. State of the Club Reports:** Gary stated that advertising, the web site, membership and Wheel Tracks are all dependent on each other. In December, 243 Wheel Tracks were mailed out. As we were over 200 copies, the cost to mail was \$0.26 per copy vs. \$0.82 per copy. Current paid VAE membership is 144 members. There are 194 copies being sent to libraries, museums, other car clubs, Technical Career Centers, and nursing homes. Gary stressed again that he needs one or two other people who could work as Co-Editors of Wheel Tracks. Leo mentioned the idea of hiring someone to take on some of these tasks for the Club. Jim suggested hiring professional assistance rather than an individual. It was agreed that Gary will explore this option and report back to the Board. Jim will help Gary put together an electronic list of the 194 libraries that receive Wheel Tracks. Andy will help with the advertising.
Leo distributed a memo which contained information from Wally Tapia, CPA, regarding our requirements to maintain our 501 C-3 IRS status. Wally worked with Dick to obtain our status. They are:
 1. The VAAS will have no role in conducting the present Stowe Show itself.
 2. Percentage of time devoted to the Organization's (VAAS) proposed activities: Initially devote app. 30% of its time to the sponsoring of public events including exhibitions and seminars with 60% of organizational time devoted to pursuing the museum project, including the creation of a collection for display at the museum. 10% of organizational time would be devoted to the scholarship program. Once a museum facility is established, it is anticipated that museum-related activities (including the collection of vintage automobiles and related items for display, the presentation of exhibitions, seminars, workshops. etc.) would entail app. 90% of organizational time, with app. 10% continuing to be devoted to the scholarship program.
 3. VAAS has no present plans to act as the successor, legal or otherwise, to the VAE.Gary reported on the Technical Career Center Scholarship program. There is \$3,400. \$100 tool scholarships will go to 10 juniors (2 from each of the 5 participating Tech Centers). A \$2,500 tool scholarship will go to 1 senior. Each winner will receive a plaque which will identify the scholarship program, on the back there will be a statement explaining why the recipient has received this award. Gary and Andy will work on the plaques. Jan made the motion to allocate \$3,800 for the Technical Career Center Scholarship Program. Andy seconded this motion.
- 5. Partnership Committee:** Gael discussed approaching the Shelburne Museum to get them to work with us. It was decided to approach someone from their Board. We have our donation allotted to them; perhaps this contribution could be the entree to this discussion with them. Wendell will chair a committee to look into this. Bill Sander and Gene Fodor have already been in discussion with a museum employee about the possibility of returning there for an antique car show.
- 6. Book Sales and Fund Raising:** As noted in the Treasurer's Report, \$200 was raised selling books at the VAE Meet this past Saturday. The next meet will be at Wake Robin in February. Wake Robin could be an important part of our future. We should promote this upcoming event and encourage good participation here. IBM will offer \$1,200 - \$1,500 grants to a 501 C-3 organization of the choice of a present or former employee. Wendell and Andy will look into this. Congressman Peter Welch's office can be a clearinghouse for grants within Vermont communities. As noted above in item #5, we will attempt to establish a partnership with the Shelburne Museum. We also need to solicit our membership for contributions on a regular basis.
- 7. Other Business:** Gael said that VAE membership needs a boost. Jim suggested that moving the membership dues payment deadline to May might be a better strategy. Gary asked if we want to keep the "Members Only" page on the website. If we do, what do we want to put there? After some discussion, Jan made a motion to post the Roster and the current monthly mailing list. Andy seconded this motion. Dick suggested that the VAAS Board appoint an Audit Committee. Jan made a motion that the President will appoint an Audit Committee for the VAAS. Andy seconded the motion.
- 8. Time and Place for next meeting:** The next VAAS Board Meeting will be on February 13 at Dick Wheatley's office (1 Market Place, Unit #31, Essex Junction) at 1:30 PM.

Adjournment: Jan motioned to adjourn. Andy seconded this motion. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Jan Sander

Wheel Tracks Classified

For sale... I have two new motors for sale. One is a 3 HP Tecumseh for 25.00 and the other is a 16 HP v-twin vanguard Briggs & Stratton tapered shaft for \$300. Please call Duane 802 849-6174 6/12



For Sale... 1947 Hudson 'Big Boy' pickup. Wheel Tracks feature car this month. Call Merv Wells, 802-426-3375 6/12



For Sale... 1927 Studebaker, 7 pass touring, 6 cyl. 55HP, solid, unique, nearly original, runs well, driven frequently. Lots of extras. \$10K. Call Dave Maunsell 802/472/6670 6/12

For Sale... 1989 Chrysler GTC Turbo convertible. This is the top of the Mopar convertible with a Turbo II original factory engine and Getrag 5 speed transmission. All original southern car with totally rust free body. Red outside and grey leather inside. Never seen snow, 97,000 pampered miles. \$4950 OBO

FOR SALE... 1920's / 30's Chevrolet folding wooden yardstick. In mint condition. One side reads "Costs Less To Buy Chevrolet [Logo], Less Operating Cost [Logo], Collect Dividend When You Trade". Other side reads "Fulton Chevrolet Company, Brookville, PA., Phone 484" This is a unique piece of Chevy memorabilia. \$15. Original letter from DeSoto General Sales Mgr. J.B. Wagstaff to all dealers dated April 5, 1938 about how to follow up with new DeSoto owners and how to develop new sales leads. Two pages on Desoto Division letterhead. \$12.

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Dearest Editor...
The fellow that makes our name tags told me it has been a year since any were ordered.
Perhaps no one knows they are available!
\$7.00 covers mailing and badge. Checks payable to Phyllis Skinner Box 208 Northfield Falls Vt.
05664-0208
"Slim" Skinner

For sale... New, old stock 1928 model A camshaft. This is a five-bearing camshaft specific to 1928, but also fits 1929 through 1931 Model A's which had 3 bearings. \$325 + S&H.

Leo Laferriere, 802-496-2515. 249 East Road, Waitsfield, VT. 05673 5/12

For Sale...

Home. abt 1 acre in South Hero, VT, raised ranch corner lot. Paved roads. 5 min from I 89. 3 Br 2 1/2 bath. Open floor plan, large deck, fenced yard, 5 car garage, (2 heated bays) shop space, central air upper level. Finished basement. Lake and mountain views. Close to boat launch, State Park, fishing. \$400,000. No Brokers, Principals only. Gene Fodor 802-372-9146 or crownwheel@comcast.net 5/12

For Sale... 1932 Essex Terraplane, original, running. \$13,000 Call Pierre Pepin, Colchester, VT. 802-878-5748

For Sale... GalaxyS Samsung 3G AT&T Smart-Phone with carrying case and charger. Just a few months old, works fine, decided to use my daughter's I-Phone. \$135.00
Call Gary Fiske 802-363-1642

Wanted...
1909 Vermont Dealer Plate.
Call

Gael Boardman 802-899-2260
Underhill, Vermont

For Sale...

Many parts for a 55 Ford Station wagon. Bumper, front seat, auto transmission and Much more. Call Carroll Bean in Bradford, VT. 802-222-4436 5/12

For Sale...

2001 Subaru Legacy L, \$3,350 negotiable. 5 speed, 144k miles. Quite nice shape. Call Joanna Conti 802-244-8375 leave message. 5/12

For Sale... Model A Ford parts. Frames, engines, radiators, gas tanks and more.

For Sale... 1930 model A Ford Pickup now under restoration.
Call Wendell Noble 802-893-2232

For Sale... 1952 Dodge Coronet Convertible, 6 cyl, semi auto Transmission, radio, heater, clock, new turquoise paint, reupholstered, wide whites, complete and running. \$15,950 Call Bob Fuerderer, Surry, NH 603/352/3005 5/12



For Sale... Civil War Cannon, parade ready. 4 ft. long, 42 in wheel, 2.5 in bore, made by Dixie Gunworks Co. can be fired. \$2500 or trade. Call John Lavalley 802-849-6200 or jl6200@yahoo.com



For Sale... 1955 Buick Roadmaster Convertible. Complete except for radiator. Needs complete restoration. \$2500, call Pierre Pepin And he will take you to it. 802-238-5487 5/12

Wanted... Looking for a classic car for wedding transport in the White River Junction area. August 4th wedding. The bride's mother, Karen Hewitt. Email Kren.B.Hewitt@hitchcock.org] 4/12



New.....from Wheel Tracks
******The VAE Yellow(ed) Pages******



Every month from now on Wheel Tracks will be collecting listings from you and building (we hope) hundreds for our **VAE Yellow(ed) Pages** on our website...vtauto.org. How many times have you tried to remember who told you about that carburetor rebuilder they used now that you need one yourself? How about that place where you can get 'slotted screws' without having to pay a fortune? If you read about or drive by a shop or a vender that you would like to try, what is the first thing that comes to mind.....Yup you have it..... "I wonder if they are any good and can I afford them"? Hopefully the VAE Yellow(ed) Pages can help, because for as many of the listings as possible we will get the VAE member's permission to add their name if the member has used the service. The member's name will be in (*italics and in parenthesis*) at the end of the listing. Now you have someone in the **VAE Family** to call and get straight answers before you make an investment.

So.....please send Wheel Tracks listings of the 'shops and venders' you have done business with...the ones you trust.

Send them to gafiske@gmail.com or give me a list when I see you at a meeting.

Give meTHE CATEGORYTHE NAME....THE ADDRESS....THE PHONE NUMBER. Plus your name if I can list it.

All new listings will be in Wheel Tracks each month before they are transferred to our website.

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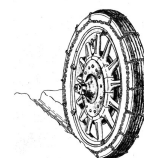
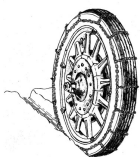
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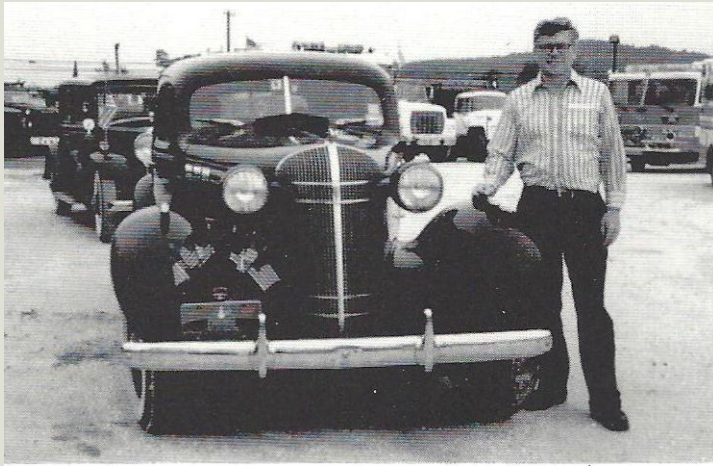
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1989 President Tom McHugh with his 36 Oldsmobile

March 2012



VAE Calendar of Events.....

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March

17th... Saturday Noon. VAE Monthly Meeting at Anderson's Auto Glass in Williston. Details page 3.

19th...Monday 1:30PM to 4:30PM. VAAS meeting at the Williston Library conference room.

21st...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. **Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com**

April

13th...Friday. Meet at Cold Hollow Career Center @ 9AM, VAE Garage Tour in Northern Vermont afterwards.

12th-15th...Pigeon Forge Car Show (Spring Rod Run) Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. **Contact 866-896-2950**

18th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. **Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com**

22nd...Sunday 8AM to 1PM 42nd Annual Swap meet and Car Show at the airport in Fitchburg, Massachusetts

May

6th...Sunday @ 1PM Appreciation Dinner at the Commodore's Inn, Stowe Vermont

16th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. **Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com**

19th-20th...Sat. & Sunday. Crown Point, New York. See details page 6. **Contact Fred Cook 802-223-2933**

June

Details Later...VAE Tour to Central Vermont

17th...Sunday 10AM to 3PM...White Mtn. Cruisers Car Show, Bradford, VT. **Contact Carroll Bean 802-222-4436**

20th...Wednesday at 7PM. Stowe Show planning meeting at Commodores Inn on Rt. 100 Stowe. **Contact Bob, rccwrn@pshift.com**

July

16th-20th....Model T Ford Club International gathering in Rutland **www.modelt.org/**

21st & 22nd...Sat. & Sunday. VAE University Mall Display in Burlington, Vermont

August

☆☆☆ 10th -12th....Antique & Classic Car Meet, Stowe, Vermont ☆☆☆

September 2013.... 8th-13th.The 68th Glidden Tour being held in Vermont. All VAE invited.

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